[Shri Gaya Singh]

Tourism Development Corporation has been got done in 1991 from four Foreign Banks which are found involved in famou Securities Scam of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of valuation of each ITDC Hotel property as assessed and submitted by the said Banks to ITDC Management/Government;

(c) the details of the ITDC Hotel properties which are available for disinvestment to NRIs and Public, as on date ;

(d) what will be the total amount available to ITDC Management after the above mentioned disinvestment for upgrading and modernising ITDC's existing hotel properties, with detailed plan of each during 1992-93 onwards; and

(e) what is the market/commercial value of the ITDC owned Hotels and assets therein as on date vis-a-vis to that of as assessed by the above Banks ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) ITDC had assigned the following four banks to assess the value of its 26 hotel properties :—

1. Standard Chartered Bank
2. Citibank N.A.
3. ANZ Grindlays Bank.
4. The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.

In their valuation report, the banks have assessed the value of 26 hotels. Government has decided to have this net worth reassessed through the Central Public Works Department which has currently undertaken this task.

(c) The ITDC has formulated a scheme whereby small groups of hotels would be formed for the purpose of developing them as joint ventures with leading foreign hotel chains. In the first instance, two groups of four hotels are proposed to be developed.

(d) It is difficult to indicate the amount that will be available to ITDC after the formulation of joint venture companies as no final decision has yet been taken in this regard.

(e) Hotels of ITDC were not evaluated prior to the assessment made by the above said banks.

Contract for Computer Service in Cargo Section of International Airport Authority of India

2161. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a contract for on-line computer service in the Cargo Section of the International Airport Authority of India has been awarded to a fake firm and one of its experience certificate was given by the National Airport Authority;

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the action taken by Government in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) The International Airports Authority of India has ordered a full scale inquiry into the matter and the report is awaited.

अधिकृत लाइसेंसों के बिना विमान उड़ाने वाले इंडियन एयरलाइन्स और एयर इंडिया के विमान चालक

2162. चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह : क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि इंडियन एयरलाइंस तथा एयर इंडिया के विमानों को उन विमान चालकों द्वारा चलाया गया था जिनके पास अधिकृत लाइसेंस नहीं थे;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधवराव सिंधिया) : (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र

की जा रही है तथा सदन के पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Air service to Hubli Airport

2163. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that air services to Hubli airport were suspended in view of the fact that a 110 KV H.T. line nearer the airstrip was considered a safety hazard; and

(b) whether the H.T. line has since been removed, and if so by when air services to Hubli is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The HT line has been removed However, due to commercial and operational reasons Vayudoot, at present, is unable to recommence its services to Hubli.

New Planes for Air India and Indian Air lines

2164. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJARAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have made a plan for purchase of new planes for Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) whether Air India has negotiated any credit with some foreign banks; and

(c) if so, what are the details regarding number and investment proposed to be made in the Eight Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) Air India and Indian Airlines have placed orders for purchase of four B-747-400 and twelve A-320 aircraft respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) During the 8th Five Year Plan, Air India has made provision for acquisition of four Boeing-747-400 passenger aircraft estimated to cost Rs. 2333.33 crores with a foreign exchange of US $ 682.72 million.

Foreign Tourist from SAARC Countries

2165. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of foreign tourist arrivals from SAARC countries during the last six months;

(b) whether there has been any increase or decrease in the foreign tourist arrival during the said period as compared to the corresponding periods during the last three years, if so, the details thereof;

(c) what facilities are being provided to the foreign tourists by Government in the country starting from their arrival till their departure, with details thereof; and

(d) what action Government propose to take to attract more foreign tourists in the country ?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) The foreign tourist arrivals from SAARC countries during the period January to June 1992 were 2,74,075. It was the highest ever arrivals from SAARC countries during the same period in the last three years.

(c) The tourist facilities are generally provided by the private sector and not by the Government. However, in the case of SAARC countries, a 30% group travel concession is being provided by Indian Airlines to a maximum of 500 foreign tourists per year for air travel within the region.

(d) The steps taken by the Government for attracting more foreign tourists to the country include improvement of infrastructural facilities, particularly in the accommodation and transport sectors in coordination with the private sector and effective publicity and marketing campaigns in the overseas markets.